



TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT May 18, 2015

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TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are openings on the following (1) Conservation Commission, (1) Council on Aging Board, (1) Parks and Recreation, (2) Historical Commission. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

ROADS

Crosby, Pillsbury, and Marble roads are complete and they are working to finish the driveway approaches and backfill edges of road. Williams has its binder coat down and due to scheduling of paving companies will not get top coat until the beginning of June. We are now working to get Holden St, South Maple, Turnpike, completed in June and schedule the summer work of River Styx and Russell Hill.

WATER & SEWER

I met with the water and sewer commissioners on the 12th of May to discuss transitioning back to the Board of Selectmen as commissioners. Chairman Leo Collette is in favor especially with the staff that currently works at the DPW. It would be next year as the board would make 1 year appointments for those up for reappointment and the whole process would be completed next year.

CONTRACTS

I am starting to work on the DPW and Police union contracts. Police first meeting is on May 26th.

BRIGGS SCHOOL

We have had communication from many sources that our approval will be scheduled for the MSBA meeting June 3rd. The value of this reimbursement is \$532,373. We will then have a deficit of \$48,489.91. We can hold a town meeting to transfer that amount out of our Capital Fund, transfer from other accounts or use free cash.

PHONE SYSTEM

Guardian Information Technologies, Inc. has started the installation of a T1 line for our phone system. It will interconnect all town buildings and will allow for enhanced capabilities and eliminate many phone lines. The PSB will be the center of operations not the Town Hall.

TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting was held on May 5, 2015 and I want to thank all those that helped make the meeting informative which made for a time efficient meeting, great job by everyone.

DEP

There is a scheduled June 3rd meeting with the DEP to review our unaccounted for water.

We have also filed a waiver for the MS4 storm water and I am working with Fred Civian from the DEP to get the waiver.

CENTER OF TOWN

I would like the board to consider putting together a committee much like the one we had before to focus on the center of town to incorporate the current DPW site. The last committee formed in 2001 came to a crossroad when they could not find a proper location for the DPW. We now have the site and need to develop a plan.

“In November 2000, the Town received a Peer-to-Peer grant to conduct a visioning session regarding the development and revitalization of the downtown area of the town. As a result of that session, the Board formed the Downtown Focus Committee to further pursue the revitalization of the downtown area and to examine ways to attract economic development to the town. The committee membership is composed of a steering committee of five members who work with a larger group of approximately 15 members. The composition of members is town officials, business owners, property owners in the business district, and residents at large – a very diverse make-up.”

MEMORIAL DRIVE

The Library Trustees have requested the Board of Selectman to review the possibility of making Memorial Drive at the beginning by the liquor store a two way street. I am meeting with public safety on Monday the 18th to review and will have a recommendation at tonight's meeting.